

Archery goes high tech

Modern day archery is a long shot from the more traditional archery, using long bows, recurves, and wooden arrows with fletching made from real feathers. But accuracy and marksmanship have greatly improved as well.

The Rut-n-strut archery shoot on May 14, at the Molzahn farm near Agra, gave area bow hunters ample opportunity to hone their shooting skills as they walked through a course and stopped to shoot at a variety of targets, from turkey to deer and

bear. Shooting situations were much like hunters would encounter in real hunting situations, except for the waiting, calling, and stalking.

Shooter's skills matched with high tech compound bows equipped with special sights, graphite arrows, and a trigger release made it possible for many of the shooters to be consistently on target with their arrows. The high speed of the arrows indeed took much of the arch out of archery, but the new, faster shooting bows are much

more efficient for bow hunting big game.

This is not to say that traditional archery is dead, for many archers still prefer to shoot long bows and wooden arrows without the benefit of sights.

The Rut-n-strut archery club will be having their next shoot on June 25. Archers may join the club or just shoot for a very modest fee. Archers may contact Doug Molzahn for more information at 785-638-2883.



TAKING AIM -- Chris Whitney, Prairie View, is shown drawing on a target across a small pond at the Rut-n-strut Archery Club shoot on May 14. Archers shot at a variety of targets from different shooting positions. Scores were kept and, after the shooting, teams were drawn to determine the winning team--a new twist to keep the shoot interesting. Randy Moll/Review